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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Rodolphe Lourdel

Application No.: 10/697,034

Filed: October 31, 2003

For: **VERTEBRAL ANCHORING DEVICE AND
ITS BLOCKING DEVICE ON A POLYAXIAL
SCREW**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 8, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: